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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
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 Shunji IMAI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6015
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 Application No.: 09/986,975 : Group Art Unit: 1746
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

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Total Claims	55	64	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 28, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.